

REMARKS

Further to the Official Action mailed February 2, 2005, Applicant's *Amendment* filed June 10, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed June 29, 2005, and Applicant's *Notice of Appeal* mailed July 11, 2005, the Applicant submits a *Request Under 37 CFR 1.129(a) to Withdraw Finality of Final Rejection* along with the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(r). Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to November 14, 2005.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 29, 1998, October 13, 1998, June 2, 1999, September 13, 1999, May 18, 2000, September 6, 2000, November 2, 2000, January 29, 2001, April 9, 2001, July 17, 2001, September 12, 2001, February 28, 2002, October 1, 2002, October 11, 2002, and March 5, 2003. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 21, 22 and 24-49 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claim 24 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3, 5, 21, 22 and 24 (Office Action Summary, Paper No. 20050207). Claims 6-8 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner (page 2, *Id.*). Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 21, 22 and 25-49 are currently elected, of which claims 1, 5, 6, 21, 22, 25 and 28-38 are independent. For the reasons set forth in the *Amendment* filed June 10, 2005, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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